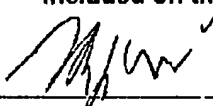


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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> <b>(Small Entity)</b>					Docket No. <b>FERR-3800</b>	
In Re Application Of: <b>Thomas B. Ferrara</b>						
Application No. <b>10/803,378</b>	Filing Date <b>3/18/2004</b>	Examiner <b>Vasudeva, Ajay</b>	Customer No. <b>5409</b>	Group Art Unit <b>3617</b>	Confirmation No.	
Invention: <b>FLOATATION APPARATUS AND METHOD</b>						
<b><u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></b>						
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>9/22/2005</u> in the above-identified application. <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><i>Date</i></span>						
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month <input type="checkbox"/> Two months <input type="checkbox"/> Three months <input type="checkbox"/> Four months <input type="checkbox"/> Five months from: <u>12/22/2005</u> until: <u>1/22/2006</u> <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><i>Date</i></span>						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27						
The fee for the extension of time is <b>\$60</b> and is to be paid as follows:						
<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. <b>19-0513</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. <b>19-0513</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.						
<b>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</b>						
 _____ <i>Signature</i>			Dated: <b>1/13/2006</b>			
<b>Mark J. Friedman</b> Reg. No. 57,918 Schmeiser, Olsen & Watts 3 Lear Jet Lane, Suite 201 Latham, NY 12110 (518) 220-1850			I certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450" [37 CFR 1.8(a)] on _____ <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><i>(Date)</i></span> _____ <i>Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</i> _____ <i>Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</i>			

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